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In re application of **Daryl W. Hochman**

Group Art Unit: 1623

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For : **METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR ASSESSING
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DETECTION TECHNIQUES**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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The documents listed on the accompanying form PTO-1449 are cited in compliance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, as amended. Applicant does not concede that the references are "prior art" under 35 U.S.C. §102 or §103, and specifically reserves the right to antedate such materials, as by a showing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise. The references were cited in an International Search Report for a corresponding PCT application mailed April 14, 2000, which is less than three (3) months prior to this submission. No fee is therefore required for filing this Information Disclosure Statement.

The attached Form PTO-1449 identifies 2 U.S. patents. Copies of these patent references are enclosed herewith for the Examiner's convenience.

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3. Return receipt postcard confirming receipt of enclosed documents.

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